

## Distinguished Faculty Award goes to Kensicki

Dr. Nancy Kensicki, chair of the English Department in the College of Arts and Sciences, has been given Gallaudet's second annual President's Distinguished Faculty Award.

President Jerry C. Lee, who presented the award at a luncheon on Sept. 22, noted the "remarkable blend of accomplishments in teaching, scholarly activity and service" that she has accomplished during her tenure at the University.

In addition to chairing the largest department of instruction, Kensicki serves as secretary of the Faculty Senate, secretary of the Alumni Association and chair of the Graduate Fellowship Fund Committee.

She coordinates the English Honors Program, serves on the Honors Council and has regularly taught honors courses in the English Department.

She has also served as editor of the journal *Teaching English to the Deaf and Second Language Learners* for the past five years.

"In all of these demanding activities, Dr. Kensicki has exhibited a commitment to academic excellence and to the greater success of deaf people—particularly, but certainly not exclusively, our students," Lee said.

The President's Distinguished Faculty Award was established last year by Lee to annually recognize a faculty member for outstanding performance in instruction, research, scholarship or service to the community.



Dr. Nancy Kensicki (second from left) receives the President's Distinguished Faculty Award from Dr. Jerry Lee while Provost Catherine Ingold and Arts and Sciences Dean King Jordan look on.

tion, research, scholarship or service to the community.

Nominations for the award come from faculty members, who submit names to the Faculty Senate's Committee D (nominations, elections and grievances). The committee, in turn, forwards the list of nominees to Lee for a decision.

Two people were nominated for the award last year and this year there were seven nominations.

After receiving a plaque engraved with her name, Kensicki said she was "happy and flattered" that she was selected.

"To be thought of on the same level as Anne Butler [associate professor of history and last year's winner] was certainly an honor," she said.

Kensicki joined Gallaudet's Department of English in 1968, the same year that she graduated from the University with a master's degree in education.

She received her doctorate of arts degree in 1979.

Helping to start Gallaudet's Honors Program and helping develop *Teaching English to the Deaf and Second Language Learners* are projects she regards as her greatest accomplishments as an educator.

Kensicki's main philosophy of education is that "learning really happens [when] teachers develop an atmosphere in the classroom conducive to spontaneity and creative thinking."

## Son of China's leader to visit campus Oct. 7

Deng Pufang, son of China's paramount leader, Deng Xiaoping, will visit Gallaudet Oct. 7 as part of a three-week tour of the United States to observe American facilities, programs and policies for individuals with disabilities.

Pufang is director-in-chief of the China Fund for the Handicapped.

During the Cultural Revolution of the 1960s, while a student at Beijing University, Pufang was thrown from a four-story window by the "Red Guards." As a result, he suffered a serious spinal injury that left him permanently paralyzed from the waist down.

Pufang has dedicated himself to making the public aware of and improving conditions for disabled people in China. In March 1984 he helped found the China Fund for the Handicapped, a national social welfare organization whose primary purpose is to ensure that society and the government attach more importance to the needs of disabled people.

Pufang and a nine-member delegation were invited to tour Gallaudet by the International Center on Deafness (ICD). Their visit was arranged by the National Council on the Handicapped, Rehabilitation International and the National Christina Foundation.

While at Gallaudet, Pufang will tour University and Pre-College facilities. Pufang will meet with Eli Savanick, director of the ICD, and with Dr. Catherine Ingold, provost. A dinner will be held in his honor and he will be presented with a special plaque for his work with disabled people.

## Women fight uphill battle to gain entrance to Gallaudet

*Editor's note: This year, Gallaudet celebrates the 100th anniversary of women's entrance to the University. This three-part series by research librarian Carolyn Jones focuses on the history of co-education at Gallaudet.*

Although women were not admitted to Gallaudet University on a permanent basis until 1887, no restrictions barred female students from its classes when the institution was founded in 1864.

In fact, during five of the University's first six years, women students were enrolled.

Ann Szymanoskie and Emma J. Speak entered in the first class of September 1864; Adelaide Elizabeth Smith was enrolled in 1865; Lydia A. Kennedy in 1865 and 1866; and Lydia Ann Mitchell in 1868 and 1869.

Two of the women attended Gallaudet for more than a year, but none of them advanced beyond the introductory year, similar to today's preparatory program. And while no official statement was made at the time, both lack of scholarships and insufficient housing accommodations have been advanced as reasons for the women discontinuing

their college careers.

However, President Edward Miner Gallaudet himself commented favorably on Ann Szymanoskie's academic record. Szymanoskie was one of the original orphans for whom Amos Kendall had established his school. Having no family to help her financially, she resigned and became a U.S. Treasury Department clerk and thus may be cited as the first deaf woman to work for the government.

In the years following this abortive beginning, all women applicants were turned away from the college. Dr. Gallaudet cited lack of accommodations as the reason.

The issue was not dead, however. The literary society of the college debated the question in 1872, and authors raised the possibility of women's admittance in the *American Annals of the Deaf* in 1875 and the *Deaf-Mutes' Journal* in 1878.

The *Deaf-Mutes' Journal* was the leading popular forum for the deaf community at that time; often its regular columns and correspondence section were devoted to public debate.

In 1880 an announcement was made

that funds had been appropriated by Congress to build a gymnasium at Gallaudet which was, in later years, affectionately dubbed "Ole Jim." A furor resulted, and several self-appointed champions wrote, proposed and argued for several months. Many wondered why so much money was being given for such a frivolous cause when it could be used to give higher education to the deaf young women.

All the usual reasons were put forward. The debate became so heated that even the proponents split into two camps, one advocating admittance to Gallaudet and the other favoring a separate college.

In a letter to the *Deaf-Mutes' Journal*, a deaf woman named Angie Fuller called the gym a "boys' playhouse" and threatened that the girls should repay the students by refusing to marry such "students of a selfish, unchivalrous nature." In later letters by various authors, the college students were termed "foolish and conceited," "rough and ungallant" and "no gentlemen, so there."

The women were told, in letters of response, that they did not understand

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Gallaudet Archives Photo  
Ann Szymanoskie, Gallaudet's first female student, entered the first class of 1864.





Passengers Kent Babson, Debbie Falek, and Donna and Robert Haines board the "Spirit of Washington" cruise ship for HVIP's third annual "Moonlight Cruise on the Potomac River."

## A history of women at Gallaudet

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the situation, had "sour grapes" and should help their mothers with the housework instead of relieving the monotony of their lives by writing about something of which they knew nothing.

### Announcements

Programs in Adult and Community Education and the National Information Center on Deafness will present a demonstration and discussion of SpecialNet, DeafNet, Vax and Kendall-Net, the electronic mail and computer bulletin board services on campus, Oct. 23 from 1-4 p.m. in the Learning Center, Room LN-11. For reservations or more information, contact Dennis Finnegan, x5054, by Oct. 21.

Faculty members can now register for simultaneous method evaluations. The expressive portion will be held Oct. 12-15 with the receptive portion to follow on Oct. 19-22. Sign-up sheets for Kendall Green are posted in the Faculty Orientation Office in the Learning Center, Room US-21. Sign-up sheets for the Northwest Campus are located in the Main Building, Room 115. For more information, call Sharon Barnartt, SimCom chair, x5170 at Kendall Green or Carole Bateman, x8-5882 (TDD) on the Northwest Campus.



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## Deaf-blind adults attend cruise

About 75 hearing-vision impaired adults, friends and families enjoyed an evening of new and renewed friendships when they boarded the "Spirit of Washington" cruise ship Sept. 26.

This year's "Moonlight Cruise on the Potomac River" was sponsored by Hearing-Vision Impaired Programs (HVIP) at Gallaudet.

Passengers were free to roam the ship's three decks and to enjoy the captain's interpreted narration of sights along the shoreline, dinner, dancing and a musical show. "The crew was really helpful. They were very sensitive to our communication needs," said Patti Moore, assistant to the coordinator of HVIP.

The cruise tradition began in the summer of 1985 when the deaf-blind community invited families attending Gallaudet's Usher's Syndrome Family Learning Vacation to join the cruise as an opportunity to meet deaf-blind adults.

Although HVIP staff intended this year's cruise to correspond with the summer Family Learning Vacation, the September date was the only weekend date with a suitable number of seats available.

"I think this fall cruise was actually better in some ways," said Moore. "It drew people together after the summer and served to kick off the fall activities for HVIP and Programs in Adult and Community Education (PACE). We even had members of Gallaudet's hearing-vision impaired student group, 'Hear Eye Am,' join us."

HVIP activities are supported by funds from the Cafritz Foundation and assistance from the Metro Washington Association of the Deaf-Blind (MWADB).

The Cafritz Foundation's support enables HVIP to offer hearing-vision im-

paired people activities at substantially reduced costs, and to provide transportation and interpreters for events that might otherwise be inaccessible to them.

"The MWADB has been invaluable in helping us contact deaf-blind community members who may not have a braille TDD," said Moore. "Jack Wright, president of MWADB and deaf-blind himself, is especially active and consistently suggests activities the deaf-blind community would like HVIP to offer."

Anyone desiring information about upcoming HVIP programs should contact HVIP through the PACE office, College Hall, Room 214, x5044 (V/TDD).

## Classified Ads

**WANTED:** Nonsmoking female, professional/grad. student to share 3-BR townhouse in Laurel, Md. Furn. or unfurn., no pets, pool priv., fireplace, privacy, \$325/mo. plus util., available Oct. 1. Call after 3 p.m., 725-4519 (TDD).

**WANTED:** Housemate to share big house in Silver Spring, 35 min. drive to Gallaudet, family room w/fireplace, living and dining rooms, kitchen, etc., available now, \$350/mo. plus util. Call x5163 days or 622-4625 (TDD) eves.

**FOR SALE:** '81 Honda Civic, 56K mi., exc. mechanical cond., needs body work, \$1000. Call 495-0919 (V/TDD) eves.

**WANTED:** Male to rent 1 BR in 2-BR apt. at Cambridge Crossing Apts., New Carrollton, Md., W/D, DW, CAT, pool, 10 min. walk to New Carrollton Metro, \$215/mo. plus elec. Call 459-9475 (TDD) after 6:30 p.m.

**WANTED:** Babysitter to work Mon.-Fri. mornings in my home caring for 6-mo.-old baby, Cheverly, Md. Call 341-2775 (TDD).

**FOR SALE:** New tennis rackets: Donnay Mid 525, \$45; Donnay Mid XR25, \$45; Dunlap Max 200 Graph, \$100; Prince Graph Pro 90 Mid, \$115; Prince Graph Pro 110 Over, \$115; Head Graphite Pro, \$135; Head TXD Graph Director, \$140; all strung, grip size 4 3/8. Call x5591, x7586 days or 292-0051 eves.

**FOR SALE:** Small brown refrigerator, \$100/BO. Call 864-7755 (TDD).

**FOR SALE:** '80 Toyota Corolla, good cond., 68K mi., \$1,600. Call Bob Harmon, 820-6561 (V) eves., weekends.

**WANTED:** Housemate for large basement room w/private bath, kitchen priv., fireplace, W/D, patio, huge yard, Four Corners area, near Silver Spring Metro, available immediately, \$300/mo. plus 1/3 util. Call 593-4907 (V/TDD) after 5 p.m.

**FOR SALE:** Apple Macintosh 128K System w/Write Paint, Imagewriter Printer w/accessory kit, extra diskettes, never used, \$1500. Call 963-4981 (TDD).

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## Job Openings

**Some of the advertised positions may already be filled.** The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 or x5359 (TDD).

**COORDINATOR, SPECIAL POPULATIONS PROGRAM:** National Academy

**COORDINATOR, NATIONAL ADULT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION:** Programs in Adult and Community Education

**SPECIAL STUDENT ASSISTANT:** MSSD

**INFORMATION-TELEPHONE OPERATOR:** Telecommunication Services

## Football, volleyball teams ride high

The Gallaudet Bison trampled Charleston, S.C.'s Baptist College 36-7 on Sept. 26 for the football season's third consecutive win. This is the Bison's best season start since 1918.

The Bison were led in the Baptist College game by freshman fullback Karl White, who rushed for 161 yards and scored two touchdowns.

Gallaudet's defense gave up no points for the second time in three games and relinquished a total of only 199 yards.

Baptist College's only touchdown was the result of a fumble recovery followed by a 40-yard run.

Other team standouts this year include sophomore quarterback Jimmy

Segala, who threw for four touchdowns and a total of 638 yards so far this season, and freshman wide receiver Darnell Woods, who averaged 25.2 yards for 12 catches in the three games.

On the defense side, junior linebacker Jason Termoe compiled 20 tackles and two sacks in the season's second and third games.

In Gallaudet women's volleyball, coach Peg Worthington's outstanding team continued riding high through the University of Rochester Invitational Tournament Sept. 25, where the team brought its season record to 9-2 with wins over Rochester Institute of Technology and Buffalo State.



Esther Schaeffer (standing), president of the Telecommunications Exchange for the Deaf, Inc., supervises volunteer operators of Gallaudet's new telephone/TDD relay system.